



Mississippi Works:
WIOA
Newsletter

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This newsletter will provide weekly updates regarding Mississippi's WIOA planning process. Our state will be an early implementer and will submit a combined plan on September 1, 2015.

Almost to the Finish Line

With only a month until Mississippi's WIOA plan is submitted to the U. S. Department of Labor, the State Workforce Investment Board members and staff along with the internal working groups are completing their data analysis, studying the new law and its regulations, and pulling together all the final pieces of the plan for public comment. There is still time to contribute to the development of the plan. To take an active role, please contact James Williams at 601-321-6046 or jwilliams@swdb-ms.org.

Weekly Update

Over the past few months, Mississippi has embarked on the process of creating a new state plan required by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). The writing of the WIOA plan is an opportunity for Mississippi's leaders and policy makers to support long-term economic growth and invest in training and educating our workforce. The plan promotes strategies with the overarching goal of closing the middle skill gap, which ultimately allows our workers to prosper in the labor market and our industries to benefit from a skilled workforce.

Mississippi is proposing a combined plan that describes how our ideal workforce development system can be achieved through collaboration of state programs and services through agency and business partnerships.

Mississippi has balanced its early implementer timeline with broad stakeholder engagement during the planning process to help ensure our WIOA plan is supported by those who will implement it and by those intended to benefit from it. The planning process has been inclusive, transparent and ultimately created a state plan that is structured around a vision of a workforce system that allows every Mississippian who wants a job to have a job. Our leaders have made this vision their top priority, and we can expect to see results through future economic growth and prosperity – right here in Mississippi.

The WIOA internal working groups comprised of the management team, compliance team, and public relations team meeting about WIOA activities and plan development.



Timeline

3rd Public Forum

Friday, August 14 – 9:00 AM at the Clyde Muse Center, 515 Country Place Parkway, Pearl, MS

**In addition, WIOA Planning Meetings are held every Friday at 10 a.m. at NSPARC on the campus of Mississippi State University.*

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